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The Security Council,

Recalling all its previous relevant resolutions, including resolutions 1031 (1995) of 15 December 1995, 1088 (1996) of 12 December 1996, 1112 (1997) of 12 June 1997, 1256 (1999) of 3 August 1999, and 1357 (2001) of 21 June 2001,

Recalling also the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Annexes thereto (collectively the Peace Agreement, S/1995/999, annex), and the conclusions of the Peace Implementation Conferences held in Bonn on 9 and 10 December 1997 (S/1997/979, annex), Madrid on 16 and 17 December 1998 (S/1999/139, appendix), and Brussels on 23 and 24 May 2000 (S/2000/586, annex),

Welcoming the conclusions of the Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council (PIC) on 28 February 2002 (S/2002/230) as well as the conclusions of the General Affairs Council of the European Union of 18 February 2002 (S/2002/212),

Expressing its appreciation to the Secretary-General, his Special Representative and the personnel of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH), which includes the International Police Task Force (IPTF), for their contributions to the implementation of the Peace Agreement and preparations for the efficient transition to the follow-on to UNMIBH,

1. *Welcomes* and agrees to the designation by the Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council (PIC) on 28 February 2002 of Lord Ashdown as High Representative in succession to Mr. Wolfgang Petritsch;

2. *Expresses* its appreciation to Mr. Wolfgang Petritsch for his achievements as the High Representative;

3. *Welcomes* the acceptance by the Steering Board of the PIC on 28 February 2002 of the offer made by the European Union (EU) to provide an EU Police Mission (EUPM), from 1 January 2003, to follow the end of UNMIBH's mandate, as part of a coordinated rule of law programme, and the EU's intention to also invite non-EU member States to participate in the EUPM;

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4. *Encourages* coordination between UNMIBH, the EU and the High Representative in order to ensure a seamless transition of responsibilities from IPTF to the EUPM;

5. *Welcomes also* the PIC Steering Board conclusions on 28 February 2002 concerning the streamlining of the international civilian implementation effort in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

6. *Reaffirms* the importance it attaches to the role of the High Representative in pursuing the implementation of the Peace Agreement and giving guidance to and coordinating the activities of the civilian organizations and agencies involved in assisting the parties to implement the Peace Agreement;

7. *Reaffirms also* the final authority of the High Representative in theatre regarding the interpretation of Annex 10 on civilian implementation of the Peace Agreement;

8. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.